GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to bring a legislation to permit foreign universities to operate in India during the Indian Economic Summit held in November, 2006 ;

(b) if so, whether the Government has also announced to introduce a bill to protect HIV / AIDS / TB patients from discrimination at various organisations including educational institutions, hospitals etc. ;

(c) if so, the details of other issues discussed and the outcome thereof; and

(d) the time by which these bills are likely to be introduced ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) : The Government is considering a proposal to legislate on operations of foreign universities in India.

(b) : The Government is consulting various State Governments and agencies on the proposed draft HIV/AIDS Bill.

(c)&(d) : The proposed legislations are at a preliminary stage of consideration and hence the details of issues covered or the likely time by which the Bills are to be introduced cannot be indicated at this stage.